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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 MASANOBU SAITO, et al.) Examiner: M. Nghiem
 Application No.: 09/887,119) Group Art Unit: 2863
 Filed: June 25, 2001)
 For: IMAGE FORMING)
 APPARATUS AND IMAGE)
 FORMING METHOD) Monday, April 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended to Monday, April 12, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

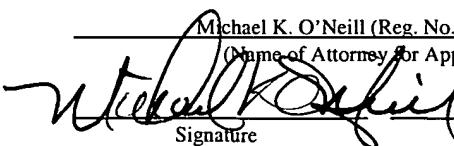
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